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## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Sept. 12 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Technology Expo opens Sept. 11

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Technology Expo will be held Tuesday, Sept. 11 at Top of the Bay from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All personnel are invited to attend at no charge.

More than 20 exhibitors will be demonstrating the latest computer hardware, software and services. Featured technologies include Macintosh, Windows, and Unix applications, cabling systems, network security products, console management, wireless interactive whiteboards, office automation, mobile computing solutions, enterprise software, Terabyte storage solutions, hardware and software. Complimentary refreshments and give-away items will be available while supplies last.

### Schmit signs guide and catalog

Steve Schmit, the designer and owner of the Swords and Sabers of the Union Army display at the Ordnance Museum will autograph copies of the gallery guide and catalog on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. A percentage of the proceeds from copies sold will be donated to the Ordnance Museum. The weapons will remain on display until Sep. 30. The exhibit also features an interactive game to test visitor knowledge of Civil War weapons. For more information, call 410-278-3602.

### Thrift savings for military

The Thrift Savings Plan is coming to the Uniformed Services starting Oct. 9. TSP, a retirement savings and investment plan, has been available to civilian employees of the Federal Government since 1987. It offers savings and tax benefits to participants similar to many private corporations' "401(k)" plans.

For a unit briefing on the TSP, please contact Tricia Jewitt, financial

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# Organization Day highlights fun, athletics and food

By E. C. Starnes  
OC&S

It was a giant family picnic. Well, not quite.

It was an Olympic athletic competition. Well, not quite.

It was a big family reunion. Well, not quite.

It was the annual U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School Organization Day featuring fun, food, and friendly personal and unit competition.

Hundreds of soldiers, airmen, Marines, civilian employees and family members competed throughout Aberdeen Proving Ground in games ranging from team events such as soccer, basketball and volleyball to individual events such as fishing, archery and dominoes. (See results below).

They also brought their families to enjoy a live disc jockey, food and family recreational events at the Maryland Park area.

Other events included a clean/ugly/classic car competition ranging from brightly shined chrome accessories to a mud splattered truck.

There were even military inspired competitions like the M16 breakdown, pushups and orienteering.

According to organizers the purpose of Organization Day is "to enhance the morale for service members, civilians and their family members and to promote military and civilian cohesion while competing together athletically and enjoying quality time with friends and family members. The competition officially began during an early morning formation at Fanshaw

Field when Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, commander of USAOC&S, said "Let the games begin." The events concluded at Maryland Park with the presentation of awards.

Lunch and dinner were provided picnic style by supporting dining facilities. The lunch menu included barbecue chicken and pork spareribs, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, grilled Italian sausage with peppers and onions, potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw, baked beans, corn on the cob, chips, fruit salad, watermelon, honeydew melons and cantaloupes, cookies, brownies and assorted pastries.

Dinner topped off the day with grilled rib eye steaks and the traditional picnic salads, fruits and desserts enjoyed at lunch.

### Results of Organization Day competition

Darren Mattison, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, took first place in the Compound Archery competition, with Jim Greer, NCOA, taking second.

In Traditional Archery, Dave Magnum, Air Force Detachment, placed first with Frank Carter, 16th Ordnance Battalion, second.

The Junior League Compound winner was Darren Mattison Jr., NCOA.

In Traditional Archery the winner was Tyler Carter, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

Kids' Track and Field (1/4 mile) included Joe Sego (son of Staff Sgt. Sego, U.S. Marine Corps), Osmar

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Photo by E. C. Starnes

A competitor's shot is blocked during the Basketball Tournament at Maryland Park as the Ordnance Center and Schools celebrated Organization Day. The eventual winner was the team from the 16th Ordnance Battalion.

## Two "great Americans" hailed at retirement ceremony

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Acknowledging the achievements of "two who witnessed significant changes in our history," Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, issued a fond farewell to Dr. Walter B. Sturek, Sr. and Mary J. Baker during the Garrison Retirement Ceremony held Aug. 29 at Ordnance Circle.

Sturek retired from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory after a 41-year career, and Baker ended a 20-year career with APG garrison's Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment or DSHE.

Units from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion led by Lt. Col. Anthony Grant, battalion commander, augmented the ceremony performing a pass in review at its conclusion. The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools honor guard, led by Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Peterson provided the colors and the 389th Army Band, led by Chief Warrant Officer Jerry Standridge and Sgt. Maj. Donald Lloyd provided the ceremony's music.

Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Estronza, SBC-COM, assisted Doesburg in the presentation of awards.

Sturek received the Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement and the DA Certificate of Retirement while his wife,

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## College Fair draws more than 200 to APG

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center was overflowing with opportunities in August as more than 20 organizations welcomed potential students to the Education Division's annual College Fair.

Local and national colleges and universities showcased their programs for military and civilian members of the APG community.

"More than 200 people moved through the stations asking questions and gathering information," said Ela Karczewska, education services specialist at the Aberdeen and Edgewood area's Education Centers.

Karczewska headed the planning of the annual event that draws service members, retirees, civilian employees and mem-

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## Dreamchaser concert entertains thousands at APG



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Backed by her dancers, Pop diva Jessica Simpson lights up the stage during her Dreamchaser Tour concert on Shine Sports Field. More than 5,000 fans welcomed Simpson, Eden's Crush, Plus One, Youngstown, Toya and Erica Martinez and the Double Vision Dancers to the Sept. 1 show.

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

From a distance, it looked like a medieval festival had planted itself on Shine Sports Field. With tall, pointed spires on a huge tent-like enclosure, giant balloons and acrobatic games, the Dreamchaser Tour blew through Aberdeen Proving Ground leaving behind thousands of "totally satisfied" teens and adults who turned out for the six-act concert.

Headlined by pop diva, Jessica Simpson, the show included performances by popular recording artists Toya, Youngstown, Plus One and Eden's Crush.

Opening the show was Erica and the Double Vision Dancers, an Aberdeen group that was cheered mightily by their local fans.

Featuring Erica Martinez, a popular local singer and graduate of Aberdeen High School, the group included Marili Mejias, an Aberdeen High School senior, Terea Smith, an Aberdeen graduate now

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readiness coordinator at the Army Community Service, 410-278-4372.

The TSP briefing contains information on enrollment, how to elect money into the various TSP accounts, how to designate a beneficiary, and benefits of the TSP.

**PIE presents “Back to School”**

On Sept. 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Parent Information Exchange, or PIE, presents “Back To School” for Exceptional Family Members at Army Community Service in building 2754. Agenda includes special education, independent evaluation plans, and you and your child’s rights. RSVP to Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, 410-278-7478 or 7474. If you need childcare, please contact her by Sept. 6.

**Kirk holds class on living with stress**

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic offers a two-hour “Living With Stress” class on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Preventive Medicine conference room (room A-12). All TRICARE beneficiaries interested in learning about stress, its causes and strategies to help deal with it are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to sign up, call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

**Tobacco cessation class offered at Kirk**

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is offering four one-hour tobacco cessation sessions every Thursday, from noon to 1 p.m. starting Sept. 6. in the Preventive Medicine conference room (room A-12). All military beneficiaries are encouraged to attend. Sign up now as class size is limited. For more information, or to sign up for the first class, call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

**Commercial Activities Hotline up and running**

The CA telephone hotline at 410-278-7414, and CA email hotline at CA.Hotline@usag.apg.army.mil, are available to provide updates and answers to your questions concerning the CA Study. In addition, CA is now showing up as a choice on the first page of the APG Web site, [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil).

**ABC-C website address changes**

On Sept. 5 the ABC-C website address changed from <http://www.abc.army.mil> to <https://www.abc.army.mil> to allow Army personnel who are not coming from a .mil domain to be able to access the website.

Simply type the letter “s” after http and you will be able to gain access to the site. The ABC-C portion of our website still requires 40-bit encryption.

Call the ABC-C automated line at 1-877-276-9287 or the SWCPOC Help Desk at 1-785-239-2000 (DSN 856-2000) if you are experiencing difficulties accessing this website. (From an announcement posted on the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) website.)

**Hispanic Cultural Workshop**

The Hispanic Employment Program Committee is sponsoring a Hispanic Cultural Workshop in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, Oct. 4 at 9 a.m. at the Edgewood Conference complex. Ms. Yolanda Maldonado, the Director of Hispanic Employment Program, Headquarters Department of the Army Equal Employment Opportunity Agency, will facilitate the Hispanic Culture Workshop. The Aberdeen High School Latin Dancers will perform Merengue and Mambo dancing immediately following the workshop. The Latin Dancers have agreed to give dance lessons after their performance. The 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own) will have a Latin Combo playing from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. during which Latin food will be available to sample. Ms. Maldonado will also offers career counseling to anyone interested. The career counseling is by appointment only and will run from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. There will be a Latin countries’ display to view at your leisure. Anyone with items from any Latin country is welcome to display their country’s articles. If you wish to register for any of the above activities, or require any special needs, please contact Cindy Sepulveda at 410-278-1131 or Joanne Holloway at 410-436-3628. Everyone is invited.

**Tutoring program needs volunteers**

Army Community Service needs volunteers for APG’s tutorial program, to assist local secondary school students who are having difficulty in various subject areas.

Counselors from each school select students who need help, want help and can benefit from tutorial assistance. The school counselor informs the student’s parents of the program. The parents then contact the program coordinator who selects an

appropriate tutor from the list of volunteers. The tutor then contacts the student’s family to set up a mutually agreeable place, preferably the student’s home, and to schedule the time for the session. Most tutors meet with their students 1 to 2 hours a week.

Anyone with knowledge in a particular area can help. No teaching experience is necessary to participate in this program, just a desire to help the youth of our communities. If you are willing to tutor, please contact: Laura Reich, Aberdeen Area ACS, 410-278-7474, or William Starke, Edgewood Area ACS, 410-436-2712.

**Pollution Prevention**

*When painting never clean brushes or rinse paint containers into a street, gutter, or storm drain.*

*New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services*

**ACS presents relocation workshop**

Army Community Service Center presents the Easy Movin’ Workshop on Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to noon. Call Tricia Jewitt, ACS, to register, 410-278-7474. Topics will include financial planning, relocation planning, pay and entitlements, exceptional family member concerns and more.

**Meet The Arc**

The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region is holding open house to provide the public with information regarding The Arc’s mission and vision, including a testimonial from an individual or family benefiting from their services. The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region assists people with developmental disabilities identify and pursue personally-valued lives. Attend an open house for one-hour on Sept. 11 at 5:45 p.m., Sept. 12 at 7:45 a.m., Sept. 12 at noon, Oct. 9 at 5:45 p.m., Oct. 10 at 7:45 a.m. or Oct. 10 at noon.

For more information, call Elaine Orbino, 410-879-6785, ext. 350, fax to 410-893-3909 or visit the Web site at <http://www.arcncr.org>.

**Want to be a millionaire?**

On Sept. 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. all Exceptional Family Members and their families are invited for an evening of fun, games, food and activities at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Bring a refreshment and RSVP to Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator at 410-278-7478 or 7474.

**Learn to enrich your relationships**

Army Community Service will offer Enrich Your Relationships classes to present the techniques of building relationships -- learning respect, communication, understanding and listening skills. Day and evening classes are forming. For more information, call Marie Mastracco, ACS, 410-278-7474 or 7478.

**MCSC kicks off new year**

If you are looking for a great way to get involved in the Aberdeen Proving Ground community, look no further than the Military and Civilian Spouses Club. The club will sign up new members on two different dates and locations -- Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 10 Plumb Point Loop, and Monday, Sept. 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 2822-A Shandy Hall Road.

Membership in the MCSC is open to spouses (or surviving spouses) and members of the U. S. Armed Forces on active duty or retired, spouses or surviving spouses of Department of Defense civilians, and DoD civilians. The club provides a support system for its members, fosters community unity, broadens and enriches the lives of its members, and promotes community relations. Last year, MCSC raised more than \$7,000 for community programs and scholarships. For more information, call Julie Koob, 410-297-6630, or Amy Peterson, 410-273-5961.

**Mentors needed one hour per week**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Maryland is beginning a program to work with the Aberdeen area public schools matching adult mentors with children in one-on-one friendships. Volunteers are asked to meet with their “Little” for one hour per

week, usually during lunchtime or after school on a set day throughout the school year. This provides a young person with a supportive adult friendship that helps him or her succeed.

For more information or to volunteer call Wendy Bohdel, 410-688-4985.

**TRICARE for Life briefings**

Kirk US Army Health Clinic will hold briefings on “TRICARE for Life” for all those beneficiaries 65 and over at the Post Theater. The dates and times are:

- Sept. 12 - 6 to 8 p.m.
- Sept. 14 - 10 a.m. to noon
- Sept. 18 - 6 to 8 p.m.
- Sept. 19 - 10 a.m. to noon
- Sept. 25 - 6 to 8 p.m.

An additional briefing will be held at the Edgewood Conference Center Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to noon.

**EAOWC holds hot dog sale Sept. 29**

The Edgewood Area Officers’ Wives’ Club will sponsor a Super Hot Dog Lunch Sale Sept. 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the APG Commissary. For just \$1, lunch includes a hot dog, chips and soda. Stop by before shopping, between soccer games or on your way to the PX.

**CWF sponsors tea party**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a Tea Party at the Hays House, 324 S. Kenmore Avenue in Bel Air, Sept. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. Presentations will be given on the “History of Tea” and “Language of the Fan.” Touring of the museum is welcomed and questions will be answered by costumed docents. Custom blended teas, iced tea punch, pastries, scones and finger sandwiches are included. The price is \$14 per person.

Please contact Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603 or 4771 for reservations.

**Reward offered for missing property**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Resident Agency Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$4,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) responsible for the larceny of 30 Panasonic notebook computers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, which occurred sometime between July 3 and 5. Any information concerning this crime should be provided to the Criminal Investigation Command immediately. This reward expires on Oct. 9. Contact the APG Resident Agency at 410-278-5261 or 5262.

**Within your reach**

Get answers about how the Army is safely eliminating the mustard agent stockpile stored at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. For information, call or visit the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 1011B Woodbridge, Center Way, Edgewood, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 410-676-6800, or visit Web site [www.pmed.apgea.army.mil](http://www.pmed.apgea.army.mil).

**Civilian retiree ID cards**

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is responsible for issuing civilian retiree identification cards upon an employee’s retirement. When the Request for Personnel Action for retirement is received in the CPAC, a retiree identification card will be sent to the employee at the employee’s agency. The employee should then take the retiree identification card with them when they clear post, to have their picture taken and the card laminated. Clearance forms are obtained from the employee’s agency administrative office. Point of contact is Teri Wright, CPAC, 410-278-4331.

**Closure of EA Fuel Distribution Point**

Since July 12, the Edgewood Area fuel distribution site, building E-4017, has been closed and is only manually operated by a designated attendant. This is being done to maintain customer support during installation of the new Fuels Automated System. Hours of manual operations are Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m. On ozone action days, there will be no manual fueling between 2:30 and 4 p.m. On RDO Fridays, there will be no manual operations.

This course of action will continue until the FAS system is implemented. For more information, contact Richard Conway, 410-436-3886.

**WIC returns to post**

Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, is back at Army Community Service, building 2754, every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call Diana Hayes, Parent and Children Together coordinator, 410-278-7474.

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**CA UPDATE**

**The following questions and answers about the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison’s Commercial Activities Study have been provided by the CA team.**

**Q. What is the effective date of the CA study?**

A. Until very recently, our plan was to re-solicit our work under the auspices of the original study, essentially continuing the Commercial Activities study that began in 1997. That plan changed when the Department of the Army decided to cancel the first study and immediately start a new one

We have a CA team in place that has begun the planning process for the new study. This planning process essentially began Aug. 1. However, the official start date for the new study will occur upon Congressional notification of the Commercial Activities Proposed Action Summary. When the notification is official, Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison commander, will inform the workforce.

**Q. If a CA study is in effect, are we allowed to hire?**

A. The Garrison is allowed to hire while the CA study is in effect. The issue becomes one of whether we should hire on a temporary, term or permanent basis, or whether we should hire at all. The commander makes the ultimate decision based on garrison-planned downsizing.

Any new or increased mission areas or filling of critical positions may require additions to strength. However, after the bid solicitation date of the CA, any position under study must be filled as a temporary or term. Positions not under study may be filled at the commander’s discretion.



# WWII veteran retires from SBCCOM

**By Capt. Nicole Chupas**  
*SBCCOM*

The last remaining World War II veteran working at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Edgewood Area retired from federal civilian service last week after 32 years.

"I've had a fabulous career," said Marvin R. Hohenstein, former acquisition planning specialist, who was honored at a retirement ceremony at the Williamsburg Inn Aug. 21 where he received numerous gifts and praise from his co-workers, family and friends for his outstanding performance and dedication.

Col. Edward W. Newing, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command's chief of staff, presented Hohenstein the

Commander's Award for Civilian Service, a commander's coin of excellence and a photo collage, on behalf of Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, SBCCOM commander.

The photo collage included pictures and logos of the different facilities where Hohenstein worked throughout his tenure.

Hohenstein served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the USS Minneapolis CA36 from 1943 to 1946. After returning from the war, he worked in the private sector for 26 years before coming to Edgewood Arsenal, in September 1972.

He began his civilian service as part of the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Industri-



*Marvin R. Hohenstein*

al Base Team where he performed mobilization planning for all chemical and smoke items.

William C. Klein, special

assistant to the engineer, presented Hohenstein with a certificate of retirement, retirement pin and a personal letter from Doesburg commending his exceptional work.

"It's been a lot of hard work, but I've done a lot of interesting things," said Hohenstein.

During his federal service, Hohenstein established the initial Army Materiel Command Milestone Reporting System for the U.S. Army Chemical, Research, Development and Engineering Center, known today as the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

The system evolved into the Department of the Army Acquisition Management Milestone System that enabled

AMC to follow the progress of a program or project from development to fielding.

The system is considered a key ingredient to the success of today's U.S. Army programs.

Hohenstein was also a major contributor to the new Army Streamlined Acquisition Process.

This process shortened the development cycle and accelerated the fielding of equipment to the troops.

Because of Hohenstein's contributions, the command received a Department of Defense award for the new Army Streamlined Acquisition Process.

Robert A. Moeller, team leader for the Acquisition Management Business Unit,

characterized Hohenstein as a dedicated individual who always volunteered where assistance was needed.

"At times he wore more than one 'hat' to fill the gaps and ensure readiness," Moeller said. "For someone who has worked for 56 years, it's easy to wear two hats."

Throughout his career at SBCCOM, Hohenstein has been described by employers, fellow employees, family and friends as a valuable leader, follower, teacher and overall asset to each team, group or organization in which he worked.

"He always said it was important to do it well and do it right," said Pete Hohenstein, his son.

# APG employees are Harford Mall survivors

**By Marguerite Towson**  
*APG Garrison*

Two APG employees, one an industrial hygienist at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and the other a program analyst at the U.S. Army Evaluation Center participated in "Survive Harford Mall," from mid-June to July 21.

Robert Bastob, KUSAHC, and Sharlene Carbone, who works in the Evaluation Center's Personnel Division visited the mall twice a week during that time to compete in Harford County's version of "Survivor."

Contestants not only played for a chance to win the grand prize, a brand new Hyundai from Jones Junction and a \$2,500 shopping spree, but they also played for their favorite charities. For Bastob it was the ARC of the Chesapeake. Carbone's charity was Elkton United Methodist Church.

Harford Mall held the contest each Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. The challenges lasted about 30 minutes.

Sponsors of "Survive Harford Mall" included Jones Junction, S&K Heating and Air Conditioning Co. and Comcast.

Carbone became a contestant by being the first caller to radio station WXCX during one of their contests.

"When the station played the 'Survivor' theme song, you had to be the first caller to win a chance to participate," said Carbone. "My daughter Lauren said, 'Mom, you gotta call now!'"

Bastob won his chance by filling out an entry blank with a photograph and turning it into the Courtesy Desk at the Mall. Possible contenders also had to write a paragraph about why they wanted to enter.

Bastob remembers that he wrote that he likes contests, and he liked the challenge of trying to win – plus he could use a new car.

"I thought I would do well, and of course I

wanted the car and the shopping spree," Bastob said.

Bastob was out of town when he was notified that he had been chosen, and he was replaced by someone else. But as fate would have it, mall management decided to let him back in because another contestant had dropped out.

Bastob's wife, Janet, was there to cheer him on each night, and his coworkers wished him well.

Carbone had her two daughters, Lindsay, 14, and Lauren, 10, to support her.

"My favorite challenge was the ice cream challenge," said Bastob. "I came in second but it was fun." A fellow tribe member, Raymond Solomon, was the eventual winner of the immunity challenge by eating the ice cream with his hands.

Of the two tribes, Carbone and Bastob were members of the Big Spenders Tribe, Team Yellow. The second tribe was called the Betsy's Tribe, Team Red. The majority of the tribe members remaining in the game were from the Big Spenders.

Carbone said her favorite challenge was when she won the mall manager immunity challenge.

"I kept thinking each time that 'I'm going to get voted off,' but it didn't happen," she said. When the tribe was whittled down to only four, Carbone knew she needed to win immunity.

She made it down to the final three contestants, but was edged out of the last immunity challenge during a board game called "Survive."

"It was like playing Bingo, and you only need that one number to win, and someone gets it just before you do," Carbone said. "When I got to third place, I was glad to get that."

Carbone said it was a commitment driving to Harford Mall twice a week for six weeks, but if

you didn't show up, you lost and were out of the game.

She said her favorite parts about the contest were meeting new people and having a fun experience.

The grand finale was July 21. Carbone and Bastob didn't make it to the grand prize, but they didn't walk away empty handed. Bastob received \$200 for his charity, \$200 in gift certificates plus two tickets to the Regal Cinema.

As third place runner-up, Carbone won a

three-day, two-night trip to her choice of 65 resorts in the U.S., \$250 in gift certificates, two tickets to Regal Cinema and \$250 for her charity. She also won an additional \$25 when she made the call to WXCX.

"I'm hoping to go to Cape Cod at Thanksgiving," said Carbone, "and take a little vacation." As for the gift certificates, she said, "The girls took care of that right away. There were things they needed to get."

# Airborne lead monitor offers safety, efficiency

**By Melissa Plummer**  
*U.S. Army Environmental Center*

Lead-based paint has been a health hazard for many years, especially during abatement projects.

A new air monitoring system, tested by the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory at Fort Lewis, Wash. and Aberdeen Proving Ground, is designed to help reduce cost, save time and improve worker safety during lead removal.

The AeroLead, a near-real-time ambient air monitoring system, combines sampling, extraction, and analysis into one unit, finishing in a matter of minutes a process that once took days.

"Lead air monitoring typically requires that samples be sent off-site to a laboratory for analysis," said Terri Cox, a physical scientist at the U.S. Army Environmental Center.

"It can take a day to two weeks to get the data back. By that time, it's too late to modify the paint removal activities in response to the data that is received. This air monitor takes and analyzes samples using standard Environmental Protection Agency methods, and produces data on-site in under ten minutes."

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# Instructor sees son graduate

By E. C. Starnes  
OC&S

Last year when he was selected as the Civilian Instructor of the Year, Lynwood K. Turlington, noted, “The challenge of being an instructor is a worthy challenge and one that I relish because if I can make a difference in someone’s life or career choice, I feel that I have achieved my job as an instructor.”

During ceremonies at C Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, Turlington watched as some of his students graduated.

While he watched proudly as they all stepped forward, it was the last soldier who walked onto the platform that held his particular interest. It was a young man who was deeply influenced by Turlington.

As the soldier accepted his diploma, Turlington turned from proud instructor to proud father. As Private Kenneth R. Turlington walked back to his seat, the senior Turlington’s pride was evident.

Turlington said he was surprised when his son informed him he was joining the Army.

“I thought he was happy with the electrical work he was doing, and I didn’t think he would leave the area,” he said. “Once I found out he was going to join the Army I told him it was the best thing he could have done to get started in a career field and to help himself.”

The younger Turlington said his decision to join the Army was made to benefit his family.

“I chose the Army to give me and my family a fresh start,” he said.

“Back home [in Goldsboro, N.C.], it’s nothing but farmland. I could not support my family, so my fiancée and I decided that the Army would be the best thing to help us get on our feet and start our family out on good footing.

Father and son talked about what skill training he should take.

“I knew he was doing electrical work before he joined the Army and he called and talked to me about the 52D [power generation equipment repairer] MOS (military occupational specialty),” said Dad.

“I chose the MOS 52D because of the jobs on the out-



Photo by E. C. STARNES

*Ordnance Center and Schools’ instructor Lynwood Turlington, right, adjusts son Kenneth’s Ordnance Corps brass following his graduation from the OC&S power generation equipment repairer course.*

side,” stated the younger Turlington. “I was raised around electrical work my whole life.”

The senior Turlington is a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard where he was an electrician’s mate.

“I want to follow the same path my dad did,” said Kenneth. “I was raised helping him do electrical work so I guess I did this to be like him.”

“He has seen me do all types of electrical work, not only for the U.S. Coast Guard, but also for myself and other people,” said Turlington. “At times he was there to help and learn at the same time.”

Did Turlington influence his son to join the military?

“I never pushed the military on him because he knew that with the military life you may not be with your family a lot, and you can be sent anywhere at any time,” Turlington explained. “This was a decision he made on his own and I will support him whether he stays in or not.

“The only issue I have made strong to him is no matter what you do, always do your best, respect others due to their position, finish what you start, and excel when the chance is there,” he said. “I feel he made the right choice to help himself.”

What was it like going

through a training department where his father is an instructor?

“I liked it because I got to see my father,” explained Kenneth. “Before I got here it had been a long time since I had seen my dad. So it was a good chance for us to talk.”

He noted that it was a strange feeling only getting to see his father on weekends. “It is weird how I could only stay with him on weekends when he lives so close, but seeing him a little was better than not seeing him at all,” the younger Turlington explained.

There were some challenges to having Dad as an instructor.

“In some ways it is a little harder because it feels like everyone expects just a little more from you,” he said. “Maybe [there] was just a little more pressure on me when I was there.”

He added that all of his classmates knew his father was an instructor in the department (Tactical Support Equipment Department).

“But they noticed that I got no special treatment,” he said. “We were all treated the same.”

He added that the Advanced Individual Training experience had been great, and that all the drill sergeants made it fun and worthwhile.

“AIT is really not hard at all,” he said. “You just have to listen to what you are taught. It’s easy as long as you pay attention to what is going on.”

He has no misgivings about joining the Army.

“I don’t regret it at all. It is one of the smartest decisions I ever made for me and my family.”

How about the Army as a career?

“I don’t know yet. So far I like it, but we will have to wait and see how my next four years go,” Turlington said. “Then I will make my decision.”

What does his dad say? “I feel he has made a decision to do something he wants to do,” said the senior Turlington.

Did his dad track his progress through the course?

“Yes I did,” he said. “From what I’ve seen and heard, I feel he has the ability to be a great soldier and to perform [well] as a 52D.”

The younger Turlington may have some future in softball as he was recognized at graduation as a member of C Company’s championship-winning softball team.

Now that he’s graduated, he’s off to Fort Benning, Ga. for Airborne School, then off to Fort Bragg, N.C.

## Air monitor

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Family housing is one area where the air monitor may be helpful.

“During lead-based paint removal actions, it’s important to control the level of lead in the air because of the children and women of childbearing age who may be in the area,” said Cox.

Air samples are taken

through an innovative sample filter/detector assembly. The airborne lead is concentrated into a specially designed aqueous phase and analyzed voltammetrically.

The device uses an integrated airflow meter to determine air sample volume.

Combined with the voltammetric results, this yields an accurate reading of airborne lead concentration. The instrument then automatically resets itself for the next sample. The

AeroLead can be programmed to perform up to 20 continuous samples of 10 minutes to 20 hours each.

By providing near real-time analysis, work stoppage and violations will be avoided.

“The quick turn-around provides critical information to the people managing the paint removal activities,” Cox said. “The information may indicate that Personal Protection Equipment can be reduced or should be ramped-up.

If PPE can be reduced, workers can operate in more comfortable conditions and will require fewer breaks; thus, the job can be completed more quickly and at less cost.”

If the data indicate that more protection should be worn, the safety and health of the workers will be better protected because the information is available more quickly than with traditional off-site laboratory analysis methods, according to Cox.

Use of AeroLead should reduce costs from \$9 to \$30 per sample (based on the cost of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health 7082 method) to 90 cents per sample.

AeroLead is also considerably less labor-intensive than current NIOSH 7082 methods.

The total air sample volume and flow rate are quantified, resulting in only one to two percent error in sampling air volume. This is considerably better than the five percent air sampling error of the belt pump and filter assembly used for NIOSH 7082.

“The monitor can be used by anyone who is performing lead-based paint removal actions,” said Cox. “At the installation level, the removal action may be performed by either in-house personnel or by a contractor providing support to the installation.”

For more information, call the Army Environmental Center, 410-436-6863.

# Filing a claim if your car is vandalized

**By Susan Grendahl**  
*Office of the Staff Judge Advocate*

A soldier just bought a new, red Mustang convertible. It has black leather seats, a ten-disk CD changer in the trunk, seat warmers, beautiful rims and, to his horror, “Metallica Rules” scratched onto the trunk. The car has been vandalized. The soldier wants to get the car repaired, but how will he pay for it? He just spent all his money on the new vehicle.

First, the soldier should notify the civilian or military police if he’s on a military installation and then request that the police document the crime scene by taking pictures of the damage and noting the location of the vandalism. This will be important later.

After the soldier has filled out a police report, he should contact the Claims Office. If his claim is recoverable, the Government will pay for the damage to the vehicle, after he has filed a claim with his insurance company. In accordance with Army Regulation 27-20, the Army claim regulation, individuals are required to file a claim with their insurance company prior to filing the claim with the Government.

Whether the Government will pay a claim depends on several factors: if it was on a military location; if it was incident to service; if the claimant is a soldier, Department of Defense employee or civilian, and if the claimant was negligent.

*Vandalism on a military post when the claimant is a soldier -*  
As a general rule, all vandalism is presumed to have occurred outside a military installation. If the vandalism did in fact occur on a military installation, a soldier has to prove it. Witnesses or other evidence, like pieces of a broken window found in a parking lot, can also help establish the fact and location of the vandalism.

For the Government to pay a claim, the vandalism must have occurred on a military installation. All vandalism occurring on a military installation is presumed to be “incident to service” unless there are facts to indicate that the soldier was acting in an unofficial capacity at the time the crime occurred. For example, a soldier who drives his vehicle to another military installation to visit a friend is not acting in an official capacity. His claim would be denied because the vandalism did not occur incident to service.

If the vandalism occurred off a military installation, it is presumed not to be incident to service. In this instance, a soldier must present evidence to establish a clear connection between his military duties and the vandalism in order to recover.

A soldier does not have to be on temporary duty or be per-

forming a military mission to be considered incident to service. However, driving to work from his home located outside a military installation is not incident to service. But if, for example, a soldier has a military sticker on his vehicle and someone spray paints “Soldiers kill innocent people” on it – that soldier may be able to recover because there is a connection to the vandalism and his military duties.

*Acts of vandalism that are unrecoverable --*  
Acts of vandalism that occur at soldiers’ homes that they lease, rent or own are never recoverable, even if it was incident to service. Also, acts of vandalism that result from a soldier’s own negligence or wrongful acts are not recoverable.

*A civilian working on a military installation --*  
As a general rule, an employee of the Army, the Army National Guard or the Department of Defense who is not an employee of the Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps, can only recover from the Government if the vandalism occurred at the workplace during duty hours or during temporary duty travel. Vandalism that occurs at any other time or place is usually not incident to service. There is still a presumption that the vandalism occurred outside of a military installation and the claimant must produce compelling evidence that the crime occurred on a military installation. Claimants who believe their damage is recoverable should follow the same filing process as soldiers to file a claim.

*A civilian visiting a military installation*  
If a civilian is just visiting a military installation and vandalism occurs, it is generally not recoverable. If a Government employee acting in the scope of his duties caused the damage, then a claim might be recoverable. In this situation, the identity of the perpetrator must be known. However, criminal acts such as vandalism are generally outside the scope of official duties and the Government will not pay for the vehicle repair. This rule also applies for private employees and contractors like Red Cross employees, United Service Organization (USO) employees and independent contractors.

*Final thoughts --*  
Keep in mind that the Claims Office is never bound by the police report and is required to reach its own independent conclusions based on all the evidence. If you have been a victim of vandalism, contact the APG Claims Office at 410-278-1591 as soon as possible. The Claims Office is located in building 310, wing 2.

## Retirement

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Gudrun received the APG Certificate of Appreciation.

Baker was awarded the DA Certificate of Appreciation and DA Certificate of Retirement.

Wishing Sturek and Baker “Godspeed as you move on to another life,” Doesburg noted the attributes they developed to attain a successful closure to their careers.

“They developed numerous habits of excellence in their job performance, personal values and in their personal lives,” Doesburg said. “Habits we should all pay attention to.”

“Most importantly, they were part of the greatest fighting force in our history,” he added. “Take pride in all your successes and be proud of the legacy you leave behind. My personal thanks for a job well done.”

Dr. Walter B. Sturek Sr. was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1960 after graduating from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering. In 1961, after receiving his master’s degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he was deployed to Germany with the 6th Missile Battalion, (HAWK) 62nd Artillery, Air Defense Artillery.

In 1966, Sturek began his civil service career with the Ballistics Research Laboratory in the Wind Tunnels Branch. He obtained his doctorate in applied sciences from the University of Delaware in 1971.

His previous positions include Chief of the Computational, Aerodynamics Branch and of the Computational Science and Technology Division. He last served as a physical scientist in the High Performance Computing division, Computational and Information Science Directorate, U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

Sturek is internationally known for his pioneering research. He was elected a BRL Fellow in 1978 and an ARL Fellow in 1999. His previous awards include the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, two Army Research and Development Awards, the R.H. Kent Award and four awards for Army Science Conference papers.

Sturek retired Sept. 3 with 41 years and three months of

federal service. He and his wife Gudrun have two sons, Maj. Frank Sturek and Walter Sturek Jr., and three grandchildren.

Sturek wished his co-workers well and thanked them for a career filled with great people and interesting jobs. Adding that he plans to “stay in touch,” he said, “I’ll miss the excitement but I’m looking forward to some free time.”

Mary J. (Jackie) Baker was born in Baltimore. She graduated from Harford Community College with an associate’s

degree in business management while raising a family and attending night classes.

Baker began her civil service career in 1981 as a clerk typist with the Chemical Systems Laboratory in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. She transferred to the Aberdeen Area and changed to the budgeting career field. In her position as senior budget analyst with the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, she managed two major budgets. Baker retired on Sept. 1 with

20 years of service. Her previous awards include the Commander’s Award, letters of appreciation, special act awards and performance awards. Baker and her husband, Chris have four daughters and one grandson.

“It feels wonderful,” Baker said of her retirement. She said she plans to move to the mountains of Western Maryland and enjoy nature at its best. “My husband is there now preparing the house for us,” Baker said. “He missed a wonderful ceremony.”

# College

*From front page*

bers of the surrounding community to APG.

Whether looking for post high school studies or pondering advanced doctoral programs, the fair offered something for everyone.

Glen McClure, an electrical technician with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, said he was pleased with the information provided him at the University of Maryland University College display.

“I’m interested in online courses,” McClure said. “They were very helpful and gave me plenty of information.”

At the Central Michigan University table, Barbara Jenkins, program manager, offered information on the school’s Master of Science in Administration courses.

The program focuses on evening and weekend classes for working adults, Jenkins said.

“Average participants earn their degrees in 18 to 24 months. It’s a great advantage for those who understand time management.”

Briefing service members interested in moving from the enlisted to officer ranks, were ROTC Maj. Reginald Glasby, recruiting officer, and 2nd Lts. Scherief Butler and Henry Vinson from Morgan State University’s ROTC program.

Vinson, a former sergeant with the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory in the Edgewood Area, received his commission on Aug. 10, and is currently attending the Officers Basic Course at Fort Eustis, Va.

He said he volunteered to come back to APG to “offer guidance to those looking to further themselves.”

“It’s not an easy program. It requires dedication and consistency,” Vinson said. “But doors open for those who make it.”

Acknowledging that the

lengthy application process can overwhelm some applicants, Glasby added, “the staff supports them all we can, from application to graduation.”

“It was a great choice for me,” said Vinson, who is bound for Korea after school. “The skills and values you learned while enlisted help you through it. You just have to want it bad enough.”

Offering diversity in study plans and locations were representatives of Baltimore Community College at Essex, Catonsville and Dundalk, while Central Texas College, located at Bowling Air Force Base, and Harford Community College emphasized distance learning courses.

Terri Morris, from the Higher Education and Applied Technology (HEAT) Center told listeners of the five institutions located on the Aberdeen campus that offer programs for associate’s, bachelor’s and master’s studies.

James Lowther of Liberty University, explained the examination program that awards college credit for accumulated experience and military courses.

“It’s very popular among senior noncommissioned officers who are close to retirement,” Lowther said, noting that the fully accredited program is staffed with military retirees and offers free examinations to active-duty military.

Several visitors said they were enlightened and encouraged by the information they gathered.

“It was an eye-opener,” said Staff Sgt. Eric Pelt, Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion who was “taking a serious look at the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support program.”

Staff Sgt. Carol Vanderhorst, an instructor with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, said she came to learn more about the Green to Gold Program.

“The opportunities are there,” she said. “All we have



*Jimmie Summerlin answers questions about Central Texas College at Bolling Air Force Base programs.*

to do is take them.”

Rosalind Strickland, director of the Education Division, said the fair was a success from all aspects.

“We were thoroughly pleased with the turn out and grateful to see our commander in attendance,” Strickland said noting the presence of APG garrison and deputy installation commander Col. Mardi U. Mark and her husband, retired Lt. Col. Edward M. Fallon.

Praising Karczewska’s efforts in hosting the event, Strickland added, “the education staff and liaisons pull together every year to provide this important information-sharing opportunity to our community.”

Participating organizations and representatives in the 2001 College Fair included: Cecil Community College, Laney Hoxter and Steven Webb; Central Texas College, Jimmie Summerlin; Community College of Baltimore Essex, Karen Powers; Central Michigan University, Barbara Jenkins; College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Mary Lou

Carney and Dr. Bob McGee; Coppin State College, Earl Jackson; DeVry Institute, Dawn Simmons, Dr Wayne Hilden and Mario Powell; Excelsior College, Vene Rodriguez; Florida Institute of Technology, Pam Richardson; Goucher College, Shirley M. Gray; Harford Community College, Terry Kilkowski; HEAT Center, Terri Morris; John Hopkins University, Dr. Hedy Alavi and Dr. Patrick Cummings; Liberty University, James Lowther; Morgan State University, Maj. Reginald Glasby and 2nd Lts. Scherief Butler and Henry Vinson; Strayer University, Larry Rosolowski; TESST College of Technology, Roland Leone; Towson University, Angela Tripp, Mona Weber; University of Baltimore, Jennifer Smith; University of Maryland, Rukmini Classon; University of Maryland University College, Rita Traino and Ann Kolenbrander; University of Phoenix, Dearest Chandler; Veterans Administration, Don Santos.

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*Karen Powers, Community College of Baltimore County, Essex Campus, shares information with Sgt. Nikki Lewis of the U.S. Army Center for Health and Preventive Medicine.*



*Rukmini Classon, right, explains curriculum requirements for the University of Maryland at College Park to a curious servicemember interested in engineering programs.*





Eight-year-old Joaunte Knight tries a competition of her own as she balances on the log at Maryland Park during USAOC&S Organization Day.



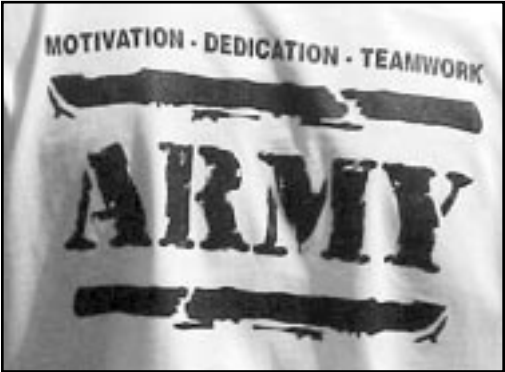
Making the save

The goalkeeper makes the save during the soccer competition during USAOC&S Organization Day activities at Shine Field. The team from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion walked away with the soccer trophy.

Photos by E.C. STARNES



Just one more...



Above, T-shirts like this one represent the competitive spirit brought out by activities during USAOC&S Organization Day. Left, Sgt. Robert Mason, a Noncommissioned Officer Academy student from Fort Sill, Okla., strains to do one more pushup as Staff Sgt. Edward Goodloe counts. Mason managed to knock out 78. Right, the sign at Maryland Park marks the site of the main activities of USAOC&S Organization Day activities.



The good, the bad, and the ugly

Included in the competitions at USAOC&S Organization Day was the Clean/Classic/Ugly vehicle contest. You be the judge.

## Organization Day

Fom front page

Sanchez (son of Capt. Sanchez, Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion), Darryl Taylor (son of Sgt. 1st Class Taylor, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade), Letisia McNeill (daughter of Staff Sgt. McNeill, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade), NCOA's Tiet placed first in Tennis, with Waldorf, 16th Ordnance Battalion, second. In the Canoe Race, the NCOA finished first and the 16th Ordnance Battalion finished second. In the Land Fishing competition, first place was Dowd, 16th Ordnance Battalion, followed by Conley, Air Force Detachment. In Boat Fishing, Vincent, Air Force Detachment, was first place, with Rodriguez, NCOA, second. In Kids' Fishing, Nick Washok, Air Force Detachment, took first, Kyle DiCuirei, Air Force Detachment, second, and Zack Parker, Air Force Detachment, third. In the Horseshoe competition, the team of Staff Sgts. Hunt and Weed, NCOA placed first, with Pvts. First Class Hicks and Brownfield, U.S. Marine Corps, second, and

Pvts. First Class Smith and Webekind, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, third. Playing Spades, Staff Sgts. Walker and Rawls, U.S. Marine Corps were first, and Pvt. First Class Morgan and Pvt. Henderson, 143rd Ordnance Battalion were second. In Dominoes, Staff Sgt. Mann, NCOA took first place, with Sgt. First Class Austin, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, second. The 1st Ordnance Brigade won the Golf competition, with 16th Ordnance Battalion placing second, followed by the U.S. Marine Corps. In Bowling, 143rd Ordnance Battalion finished first, with NCOA second, and U.S. Marine Corps, third. Larry Moshier, Air Force Detachment, won the competition for Clean Car; Staff Sgt. Corey, NCOA, won Ugly Car; Cpl. Speacht, 143rd Ordnance Battalion won Classic Car. In the Skeetshoot 61st Ordnance Brigade took first, with U.S. Marine Corps took second, and NCOA, third. The 143rd Ordnance Battalion won Volleyball competition, with NCOA, second, and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, third. In Basketball, the 16th Ordnance Battalion took first, with the 61st Ordnance Brigade, second. For the Soccer competition, 143rd Ordnance Battalion placed first, 16th Ordnance Battalion, second, and NCOA, third. Performing the breakdown

of the M16, the U.S. Marine Corps placed first, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, second, 16th Ordnance Battalion, third. In Push-Up competition, 16th Ordnance Battalion was the winner, with NCOA, second, and 143rd Ordnance Battalion, third. The 16th Ordnance Battalion won Racquetball competition, NCOA, second, and USMC, third. In Tug of War, USMC won with 143rd Ordnance Battalion coming in second. On the Obstacle Course, the 16th Ordnance Battalion placed first, USMC, second, and NCOA, third. The winner of the 5K Run was 16th Ordnance Battalion, with USMC, second, and NCOA, third. Under Track Events, the winner of the 100-yard dash was the 16th Ordnance Battalion, with NCOA, second, and 61st Ordnance Brigade finishing third. In the 440 Relay, the 16th Ordnance Battalion took first place, USMC took second, and NCOA took third. The 16th Ordnance Battalion won the one-mile run, with NCOA taking second, and 143rd Ordnance Battalion placing third. In Orienteering, the Air Force Detachment placed first, USMC, second, and 16th Ordnance Battalion, third. In Softball competition, NCOA placed first, 143rd Ordnance Battalion placed second, and 16th Ordnance Battalion placed third.



# Community Notes

**THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 6  
PRESENTATION ON COCHLEAR IMPLANT**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Committee for the Disabled is sponsoring a presentation on the “Cochlear Implant” at 3 p.m. at the Top of the Bay. Guest speakers from the Listening Center at John Hopkins are Dyan J. McKinley, director of Cochlear Implant rehabilitation, and Toni Renna, Cochlear Implant audiologist. The Cochlear Implant is an electronic device designed to provide useful hearing and improved communication to individuals who are profoundly hearing impaired and unable to achieve speech understanding with hearing aids. This presentation is open to the entire APG community. Point of contact is Judy Matthews, 410-278-1050.

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 8  
WACVA MONTHLY MEETING**

The Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter No. 70 will hold a meeting of the Maryland Free State Chapter 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center. All women who have served or are serving in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps, Women’s Army Corps, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to attend. Also welcome, as associate members, are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

For more information about the association, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040 or visit Web sites **www.wacva.com** or **www.armywomen.org**.

**SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 9  
LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT VISIT**

Norma Miller, President, Department of Maryland Ladies’ Auxiliary, VFW, will make an official visit and inspection to District Five Ladies’ Auxiliary VFW. An audit will be held at 1:30 p.m. and a meeting at 2 p.m. will be held at Harford Memorial VFW #5337, 3705 Pulaski Highway, Abingdon. Donations will be accepted for the Department Ladies’ Auxiliary Cancer Aid and Research Program, Department Ladies’ Auxiliary Hospital Program and the Save-A-Heart Foundation, Inc.. All members of District Five Ladies’ Auxiliary are encouraged to attend.

**MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER 10  
SAFE BOATING COURSES OFFERED AT AREA  
HIGH SCHOOLS**

The Bush River Power Squadron will hold Safe Boating Courses at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 10, at C. Milton Wright High School and Sept. 11 at Joppatowne High School. Classes run for nine weeks. For more information, call 410-378-3902 or 410-679-3951.

**WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12  
WELCOME COFFEE FOR SPOUSES**

If you are eager to meet new people, serve the community, and have fun at the same time, the Edgewood Area Officers’ Wives Club needs you. Each year the club offers social and learning opportunities to its members while raising funds to return to the community in the form of scholarships and contributions to units and organizations on and off the installation.

The EA-OWC is sponsoring a welcome coffee to acquaint attendees with all the opportunities available to potential members from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Edgewood Area Chapel, building E-4620. Planned activities for the year include several fundraisers, special evening events, luncheon programs, tours of the surrounding area, craft and special interest classes, and monthly restaurant visits, to name just a few. While participating, members raise funds to return to worthy organizations and causes within the community.

Membership is open to spouses of military officers, active and retired, a spouse or Department of the Army civilian with the rating of GS-7 and above, widows of any of the categories, and officials of the American Red Cross.

There is no charge to attend the official kick-off of the EA-OWC year, and reservations are not required. Call 410-676-9142 for more information.

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 15  
COMEDY JAM PT II**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post No. 6054 is presenting “Saturday Night Comedy Jam PT II” featuring, from the “Kiss My Bumper” commercial and BET Comic View, comedian HOWARD G and Friends. Donations are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at VFW Post No. 6054 or contact senior vice commander at 410-272-3444. There will also be an “after-party” Jam.

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 22  
ANNUAL VA PATIENTS CARNIVAL**

The Weedon-Elliott Ladies’ Auxiliary VFW #8126, 300 Lodge Lane, Havre de Grace, will attend the annual Perry Point Veterans Administration Medical Center’s Patients Carnival.

For more information on set up and arrival time, call Bernice Shimizu, 410-272-4020.

**FLEA MARKET, BAKE SALE**

There will be a Flea Market and Bake Sale at the Aberdeen Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 10028 starting at 8 a.m. Rent for tables is \$10 and must be pre-paid by Sept. 19. Rain or shine — event will be held indoors. Hot dogs

and sodas will also be available.

For more information call 410-272-1218 or 410-893-5192.

**FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 28  
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing each Friday at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing will be held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The instructor will announce lessons. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$10 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels.

For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 29  
TEA PARTY**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a Tea Party at the Hays House, 324 S. Kenmore Avenue in Bel Air, Sept. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. Presentations will be given on the “History of Tea” and “Language of the Fan.” Touring of the museum is welcomed and questions will be answered by costumed docents. Custom blended teas, iced tea punch, pastries, scones and finger sandwiches are included. The price per person is \$14.00.

Please contact Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771 for reservations.

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 20  
POTOMAC MILLS SHOPPING**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to the Potomac Mills Mall in Virginia on Oct. 20. This mall features 220 stores, offering discounts up to 70 percent on favorite name brand merchandise. Potomac Mills also features a 15-theater movie cinema, 25 eateries and several restaurants. Get a head start on holiday shopping! The price is \$20 per person for charter bus transportation. Call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603 or 4771 for reservations.

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 9 to 16  
ABERDEEN LIONS PLAN VALENTINE CRUISE**

The Aberdeen Lions Club is sponsoring a seven-night Valentine cruise to the Western Caribbean in 2002. The public is invited to join the Lions on the newest Norwegian Cruise ship. “Norwegian Sun,” from Miami to Georgetown, Grand Caymen; Roatan, Bay Islands; Belize City, Belize; and Cozumel, Mexico. Snorkel on the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere, swim with dolphins or stingrays, or just relax on the ship.

The package includes complimentary round-trip transfers from Aberdeen to Baltimore-Washington International Airport, round-trip air from BWI to Miami, all meals and entertainment, all port charges and taxes, and a pre-cruise get-together. Call now and receive a \$50 shipboard credit per stateroom. Enjoy a romantic Valentine cruise while helping the Aberdeen Lions Club raise funds for their community service activities.

For information, call Lions club members Joyce or Ron Landbeck, 410-272-5649. For reservations, call Accent-on-Travel, 1-800-848-3273.

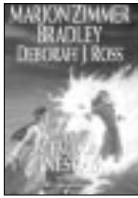
## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Garrison Library has new travel books for your reading pleasure. Visit either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out the selections.



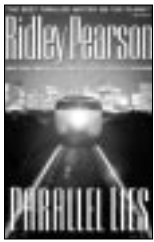
**Forty Words for Sorrow**, by Giles Blunt

**The Fall of Neskaya**, by Marion Zimmer Bradley



**Tell No One**, by Harlan Coben

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**Parallel Lies**, by Ridley Pearson

**I Wish I Had a Red Dress**, by Pearl Cleage



**Hemlock Bay**, by Catherine Coulter

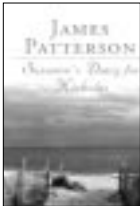


**Moving Target**, by Elizabeth Lowell

**Mute Witness**, by Charles H. O'Brien



**Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas**, James Patterson



The operating hours of the Aberdeen Area library are Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, closed and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Edgewood Area library will be closed Sunday through Tuesday and Saturday; and open Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50  
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard

**AMERICA'S SWEET-HEARTS**

**Friday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m.**  
Starring: Julia Roberts, Billy Crystal



Kiki is the devoted personal assistant and sister to megastar Gwen Harrison. Life with her famous sister has never been easy for Kiki, but it's about to get even harder. Kiki finds she's faced with a more important concern as life takes a romantic turn. (Rated PG-13)



**JURASSIC PARK 3 (FREE ADMISSION)**

**Saturday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m., 9 p.m.**

Starring: Sam Neill, Tea Leoni

The Lost World's Site B has been quarantined for five years. But when a boy trying to get a look at the creatures gets stranded there, a rescue mission is formed, comprising the boy's divorced parents, a few mercenaries, and Dr. Grant. There have been some unpleasant developments since Dr. Grant was last there. (Rated PG-13)

## MWR UPDATE



Edgewood Arts & Crafts, building E-4440, is a Morale, Welfare Recreation facility and is open to active and retired military, civilians, and contractors working on Aberdeen Proving Ground and their dependents, Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 410-436-2153.

The Edgewood Arts and Crafts center is conducting a clearance sale on cross stitch thread and books for 10 cents each.

All craft classes listed below are held at the Edgewood Arts and Crafts Center

**Ceramic class**

A basic ceramic class will be held on Sept. 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class teaches the basics of mold pouring, glazing, and painting. Cost is \$7, plus supplies.

**Framing class**

A beginning matting and

framing class will be held Sept. 25, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame and pre register in advance because class size is limited. Cost is \$15, plus supplies.

**Custom Framing**

A professional picture framer is available to help with all of your framing needs. Photographs, diplomas, limited-edition prints, cross stitch, posters, oil paintings or just about anything can be framed. There is a wide selection of mats and frames to choose from. Large or small pictures can be framed for your home or office. VISA or master card are accepted, including government VISA cards. Two locations are available for all your framing needs, one in Aberdeen in building 2407, and another in Edgewood in building E-4440. For information, call 410-278-4207 or 410-436-2153.

**The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring the following upcoming trips:**

**Oct. 20** - Shop 'til you drop at Potomac Mills. The cost is \$20 per person for charter bus transportation.

**Nov. 16** - Spend the evening at the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater. The price is \$45 per person, including charter bus transportation, dinner and the Christmas Show.

**Nov. 24**

- Nothing gets you in the holiday spirit quite like Christmas in New York City. Enjoy the Radio City Music Hall



Christmas Show, featuring the famous Rockettes. The cost is \$99 per person, including charter bus transportation and the show.

**March 13-20** - Spend a week in Ireland. CWF sponsored this trip in 2001 and found it so rewarding that we are going back to the land of beautiful green countrysides, charming hospitality and Irish pride. Places of particular interest will be Shannon, the Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Limerick, Killarney, the Dingle Peninsula, Blarney, Tipperary, Waterford, Cashel and Dublin. The price is \$1,185 per person and includes airfare, hotel stays, breakfasts, tours and most dinners.

Please call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever, at 410-278-4603/4771 for reservations and more information.

## OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071. Hours are Monday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 7 p.m.; and Friday, noon to 4 p.m.















# Korea 50 years ago

## Korean War-era MPs reunite at APG

**By Yvonne Johnson**  
*APG News*

On June 25, 1950, Public Law 581 of the 81st Congress established the Corps of Military Police, now renamed the Military Police Corps, as a permanent basic branch of the U.S. Army.

With the onset of the Korean War in 1950, things were as unsettled in the United States as they were for those battling Communism abroad. For service members not called upon to serve overseas, the ‘front’ was America’s military installations, many of which were in a state of heightened security.

In 1951, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, where some of the nation’s most advanced chemical and biological research was being conducted, the responsibility of protecting the installation fell on the 523rd Military Police Company.

Compounding the task of protecting the families, employees and facilities on the installation, the unit had to overcome a drastic shortage of experienced personnel while handling the influx of more than 100 untrained draftees. They accomplished this by simultaneously conducting basic and on-the-job training along with their regular duties.

As in most stressful situations in which a shared objective consumes the lives of its participants, an intense level of camaraderie developed.

Celebrating their 50th anniversary, surviving members of the Korean War-era unit came together in August in Aberdeen for their annual reunion, a ritual they started 25 years ago.

Former 523rd Military Police Company MPs, their family members and widows of former members spent three days together, recalling their time in uniform and paying tribute to those lost over the years.

Each had their own recollections of that turbulent time, but all agreed it was their shared experiences that formed the extended family that endures today.

Arthur B. “Whitey” Elliott, an Aberdeen native, who as a corporal in 1950, helped train the raw recruits.

“We had to train them from the ground up and prepare them for duty within a few weeks,” Elliott said. “They all made good MPs.”

He said police duties at that time varied greatly — from traffic control and guarding the gates to providing security for test sites and visiting dignitaries.

“I remember riding security for President Truman when he visited the post,” Elliott said noting that motorcycles were the primary mode of transportation at the time.

Elliott remained on active duty for six years then served on the Bel Air, Harford County and the Aberdeen police forces, retiring in 1982.

He said he visits the post every now and then to see how it’s changed and He looks forward to the annual get together with his comrades.

“I love the reunions, seeing old friends and remembering the old days,” he said. “I’m proud they enjoy coming back to my hometown.”

William L. Lark drove 600 miles from his hometown of Anderson, S.C., to be with his old friends. Also a corporal at the time, Lark said Aberdeen MPs worked 10 to 12-hour shifts until replacements arrived.

“They transferred so many out when the war started we were hurting for a while,” Lark said, noting that the former Edgewood Arsenal, now the Edgewood Area of APG, had its own police force. In addition to training, Lark’s duties included guarding the water filtering plant, the wind tunnel and the telephone offices.

Lark remained on active duty “seven years and 23 days exactly,” then returned home to work for the police department and the post office. He retired eight years ago and has kept in touch with most of his friends ever since.

“They eventually shipped 22 of us out, eleven to Germany and eleven to Korea,” Lark said. “But we stayed in touch and we’re as close now as we were then.”

“So many of us put in the same time and went through the same things, it made us into a family,” added Kenneth Harris from Pomeroy, Ohio. Harris was one of four draftees from the same county to be assigned to APG.

Also helping with training, Harris said he worked traffic control at post intersections, noting that “back then you had to watch for trains as well.”

One of the initiators of the annual reunion, Harris said he was able to locate missing members from an old copy of his assignment notes.

“We set up a site committee that chooses different locations each year, ones that everyone can get to without too much trouble,” Harris said.

The second reunion was held in Aberdeen in 1979.

Many members have come back on their own to visit family and friends.

Harris’ wife, Peggy is a Perryville native who graduated from Havre de Grace High School. She worked as a clerk at the Ordnance Museum “when it was in a garage-like building.” The Harrises return frequently to visit with her family.

“We share the same friends and the same memories,” she said of the group, adding that she accompanies her husband to every reunion.

Another Pomeroy native, Joe Struble

recalled the intense training that began as soon as the group arrived from Fort Meade.

“They assigned us a master sergeant and two noncommissioned officers who taught us everything from marching to filling out accident reports, he said. “Within six weeks we were patrolling and guarding the gates.”

“APG was in the midst of developing new weapons, so security was top priority,” he added.

One of the few married men in the unit, Struble recalled that he lived on Mt. Royal Avenue in Aberdeen and returned there this trip to visit his former neighbors.

“We shared the good and the bad,” he said of his coworkers. “We worked hard but we felt fortunate to be assigned to APG and we’re proud of what we accomplished here.”

A current adjutant in the American Legion, Struble said he enjoys chatting with young soldiers about the war years and he often marvels at how circumstances brought the lifelong friends together.

“I used to wonder who made the decision to pull all of us like that,” he said. “I guess you never know why certain situations take place.”

Kenneth Conner said the situation made him a better person.

“Being drafted and in a new place where I didn’t know anybody was tough and what we had facing us made it even tougher,” the Greenville, Va., native said.

“But by the time I got out, these guys were my brothers.”

Like most of his comrades, Connor left the service when his time was up but “a bond was formed during those two years that would not be broken.”

Looking back, he said it doesn’t seem like 50 years ago.

“When you live with people for two years, and are as close as we were, you don’t forget that,” he said. “They’ve been a part of my life all this time.”

He added that coming back to Aberdeen was like “stepping back in time.”

“This is still a good place,” he said.

“You couldn’t ask for a better family,” offered Pottsylvania, Va., native Julian D. Griffin. “I made lifelong friends here who have been an asset to my life.”

Lester Fisher of Waynesboro, Va., agreed.

“The friends I made here were the most important ones I made during my time in the service,” he said. “Nothing else comes close.

Other wives on hand included Dottie Griffin, the wife of Julian D. Griffin, Doris Lark, the wife of William L. Lark, and Margaret Cook and Luanne Ehlers, widows of former members who said that as young Army wives, the companionship, support and comfort they provided each other was priceless.

“We’re one big family,” Ehlers said. She is an Aberdeen native whose husband, E. Lee Ehlers, was active in the community Masonic Lodge until his death in 1994. She continues to attend the reunions that meant so much to both of them.

“They encourage us to keep coming,” said Cook who lost her husband, Everett L. Cook, in 2000.

“We are each others’ oldest and dearest friends,” the Bel Air resident added.

Lark, who married her husband in 1950, said she remembers Aberdeen as her “first home away from home.” Also from Anderson, S.C., Lark said they lived in a “little trailer near the post with furniture so rickety the table collapsed during our first meal.”

Their only child was born at the former Kirk Army Hospital.

“We got our first refrigerator and TV here,” she said adding that they had countless dinners of fresh fish her husband caught in the bay.

“It was tough being a young wife adjusting to Army life,” Lark said. “Without my friends I would not have survived it.”

Then there was Charles R. Wisner, a Frederick, Md., resident and the host of this year’s reunion who along with his twin brother John often confused those who frequented the post. Wisner was one of the 106 recruits who in-processed through Fort Meade then was sent directly to his first duty station at APG, foregoing basic training due to personnel shortages. He said they quickly adapted to the must-learn situation that included a variety of responsibilities.

Wisner was responsible

The group’s reunion activities included touring the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum and historic sites in Aberdeen and Havre de Grace.

The highlight of the gathering included a formal banquet with special guests, Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander and Blair Cross, chair of the Harford County 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee.

“The colonel spoke on the modern Army and Mr. Cross spoke on the Korea War,” Wisner said. “It was all so well put together. We really appreciated their comments and the time they spent with us.”

He added that Mark, her husband, retired Lt. Col. Edward M. Fallon and Blair expressed amazement at how close the group has stuck together all these years.

“They were surprised but not shocked,” Wisner said. “Soldiers know about teamwork and camaraderie. When it’s all said and done, if you’re lucky, you turn out the way we did,” he added. “We are one great family.”

## Korea — 50 years ago this week, Sept. 6-12

### U.N. forces prepare to take Heartbreak Ridge

**by Jim Caldwell**  
*Army News Service*

Having just taken the infamous Bloody Ridge, U.N. forces readied to push on to Heartbreak Ridge, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

With about a week to prepare, the Reds heavily fortified the position.

*Sept. 6, 1951* — The Marine Corps says it will need from 5,000 to 8,600 men in the October draft and 4,700 in November. The Army will draft 36,000 in October and 29,000 in November. So far the draft has taken 712,480 men. The Marine Corps’ share is 26,480.

*Sept. 6-12* — The truce talks in Kaesong have been recessed since the communists broke off all negotiations because of alleged neutrality violations of the Kaesong meeting site. U.N. and U.S. leadership believe the communists will resume negotiations because they are blustering about U.N. violations instead of calling off the talks.

On Sept. 10 the U.N. Command commits an actual violation of the Kaesong neutral zone. A pilot from the 3rd Bomb Group, in the wrong place because of a navigational error, strafes Kaesong.

As soon as Admiral Turner Joy, chief U.N. negotiator, receives confirmation that it was a U.S. plane, he writes a note to the communists and apologizes for the error.

Gen. Matthew Ridgway, U.N. commander, said in August that he wants the talks moved to another site that is easier to protect. At the time, Joy didn’t agree with him, but after the chain of invented violation charges he is firmly behind Ridgway. U.S. leaders do not want Ridgway to offer a new location as a prerequisite for resumption of talks. But Ridgway begins an exchange of messages with his communist counterparts seeking a change of venue.

Wherever the new site will be, Ridgway and Joy want it to be on the line of contact. That is, each side would be responsible for ensuring neutrality of the site from their side of the battle line. Kaesong is in enemy-held territory. For several days, with directions from the United States, they work out the approach they will take to move the meeting site when the talks resume.

Ridgway makes a public statement that the talks should be moved to another, more secure location.

On Sept. 7 U.N. Secretary Gen. Trygve Lie in New York endorses Ridgway’s idea and says its time the Reds show “definite proof” their hopes for peace are “genuine.”

On Sept. 12 the communists broadcast a rejection of an alternate site for peace talks.

On the front, the soldiers and marines are settling into the ridge fortifications around the Punchbowl. They had just taken them from the North Koreans in some of the bloodiest fighting of the war.

The North Koreans, as usual, did not give up ground easily. They had created strong fortifications in the rugged hills around the Punchbowl. Whenever they were dislodged from a position, they quickly counterattacked to take it back.

Gen. James Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, believes that by following up the victories at Bloody Ridge and other objectives, X Corps will catch the North Koreans before they can get set. He orders the corps to take a ridge three miles north of Bloody Ridge and one north of the Punchbowl.

X Corps assigns 2nd Infantry Division the job of taking the ridge above Bloody Ridge, which some say in aerial photos looks like the spine “of a fish, with hundreds of vertebrae.” The ridge is dominated by three hills. Hill 894 is at the southern end; 1,300 yards below is Hill 931 in the middle. Hill 851 is 2,100 yards north of 931. There is a network of valleys between the entire hill mass.



Just like Bloody Ridge, this formation seems to be made of stone and the approaches are over nearly vertical terrain. News reporters will name it Heartbreak Ridge.

The attack will not begin until Sept. 13, eight days after 2nd ID took Bloody Ridge. The North Koreans have plenty of time to fortify the new objective.

Van Fleet talks to the news media on a tour of the front lines on Sept. 12. He says if the Reds start a new offensive “it would give us a chance to slaughter them. They’re in bad shape and we are hunting them ... They will want peace before the winter before we’re through with them.”

Two days earlier he had told reporters that the enemy had lost 25,000 soldiers in the past two weeks.

*Sept. 7* — The Senate passes a bill that will raise the cost of mailing a letter in the United States from three cents to four cents, and sends it to the House.

*Sept. 7-8* — The Soviets lose in their attempt to persuade Asian nations to boycott the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco. Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko tries to win Japanese favor with an attack on the United States for keeping the Ryukyu and Bonin Islands, to be administered under U.N. oversight. However, Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, in a strongly anti-Soviet speech on Sept. 7, points out that Soviet seizure of their South Sakhalin and Kuriles Islands drove Japan to a defense pact with America.

Before Yoshida’s speech, Gromyko loses in his bid to have provisions of the Soviets’ “peace” plan included in the treaty. The gallery boos Gromyko and the Russian walks out of the conference, but returns several minutes later.

Yoshida reassures the conference attendees that Japan “is no longer the Japan of yesterday” but “a new nation dedicated to peace, democracy and freedom.” The United States must protect Japan militarily because “it is as clear as day that this tide of [Red] aggression will beat down upon our shores.”

The Japanese prime minister had earlier privately told the delegates from the Philippines and Indonesia that his country would enter into a treaty with them, which is permitted by the peace treaty. Under the agreements, Japan will help rebuild their countries that Japan decimated during the war.

On Sept. 8, 100 delegates from 49 countries sign the treaty in a 72-minute ceremony. The USSR, Czechoslovakia and Poland walk out on the ceremony.

*Sept. 12* — General of the Army George C. Marshall retires as Defense Secretary. In his nearly 50-year career, Marshall served as Army chief of staff during World War II, as a special ambassador to China and as secretary of state for two years. While he was secretary of state, the European aid plan that was named for him began.

Truman nominates Deputy Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett to replace him. Lovett, a Navy pilot in World War I, served in the War Department throughout World War II. After the war he was in the State Department before he assumed his current job.

The Army announces that it is activating two more National Guard divisions in early 1952. They are the Ohio Guard’s 30th Division and the 44th Division from the Illinois Guard. This brings the Guard divisions activated for Korea to eight. The Army also says a ninth will be called up later in ‘52, along with two regimental combat teams.

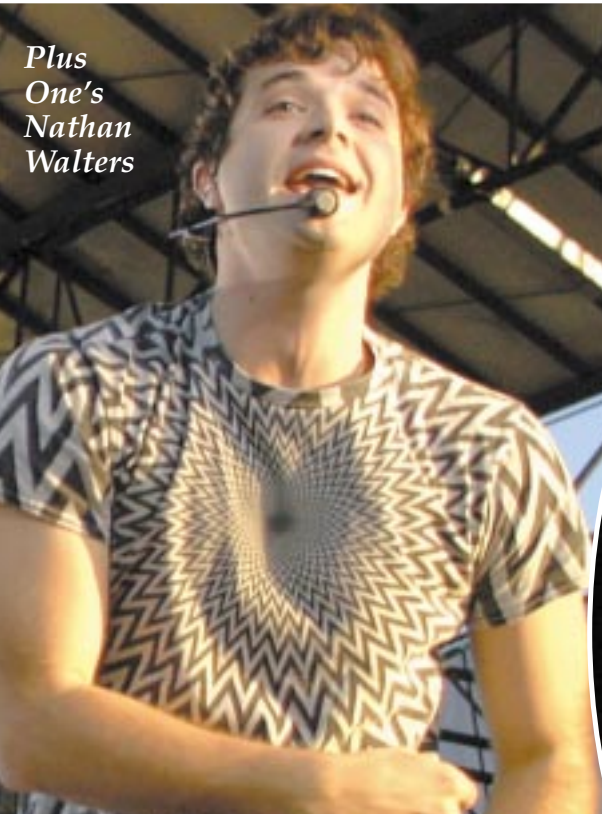
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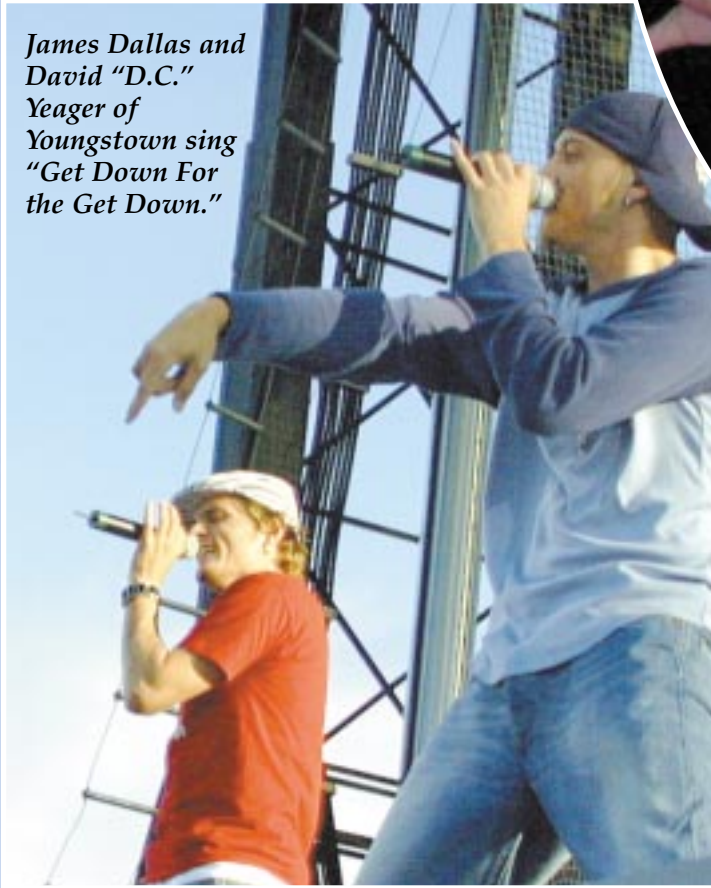
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*Faces from Heartbreak Ridge , 2nd Battalion 23d Infantry in October, 1951.*



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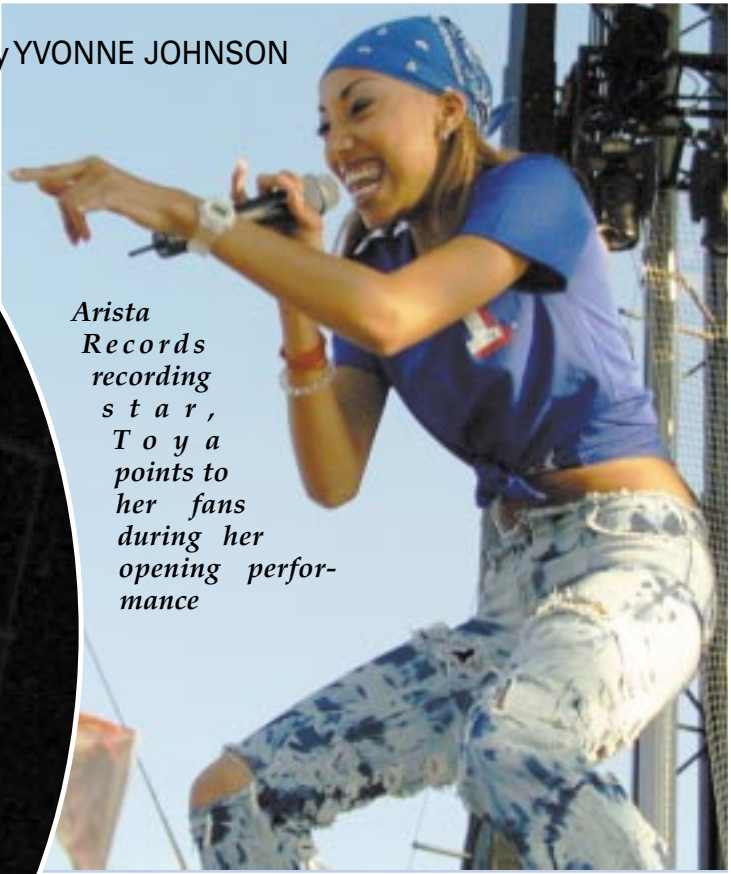
James Dallas and  
David "D.C."  
Yeager of  
Youngstown sing  
"Get Down For  
the Get Down."



Above, Jessica Simpson sings the song "Sweet Kisses."

Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Arista  
Records  
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star,  
Toya  
points to  
her fans  
during her  
opening perfor-  
mance



Eden's Crush singer, Rosanna  
Tavarez gives a brilliant perfor-  
mance.



Eden's Crush shows fans they  
feel the music. From left,  
Rosanna Tavarez, Ivette Sosa,  
Maile Misajon, Nicole  
Scherzinger.



Ana Maria Lombo of Eden's  
Crush makes a musical point.



Eden's Crush Nicole Scherzinger  
waves to fans.



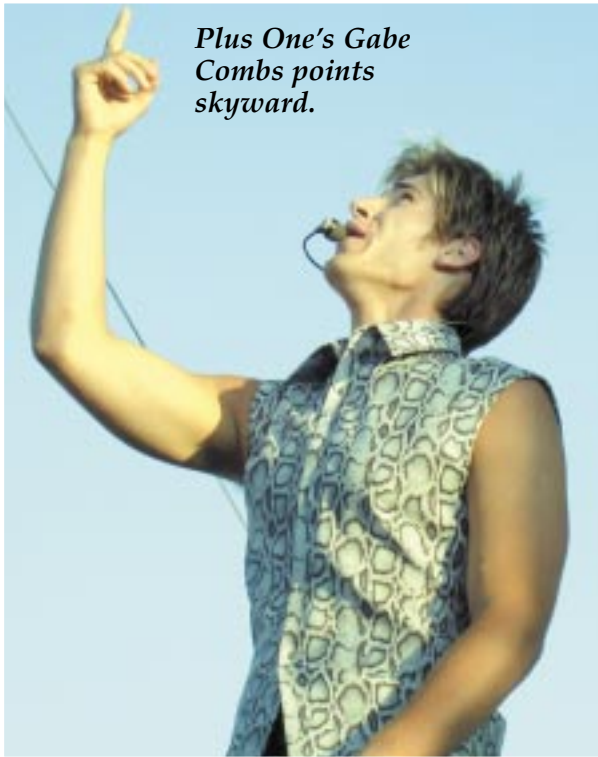
Above, Erica Martinez  
sings a song from her "I  
Don't Think So" CD. Left  
photo, from left, rear,  
Rachel Schnell, 16, and  
Jade Doucette, 17, from  
Edgewood High School  
seize the moment with  
Youngstown heartthrobs,  
from left front, James  
Dallas, David "D.C."  
Yeager and Sammy Lopez.



Right, two youngsters enjoy the  
heights on the Bungee attraction  
inside the Extreme Mobile  
Venue. Below excited fans wave  
their arms to the beat of one of  
Toya's songs during the  
Dreamchaser concert.



Above, youngsters scale the rock wall  
inside the Extreme Mobile Venue, the  
portable arena that makes up the  
Dreamchaser Tour.



Plus One's Gabe  
Combs points  
skyward.



Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy instal-  
lation commander, poses with the members of the group  
Eden's Crush. From left, Rosana Tavarez, Nicole  
Scherzinger, Ivette Sosa, Mark, Ana Maria Lombo and  
Maile Misajon.

## Concert

From front page

attending the University of Maryland and Christine Atkins, a Perryville High School senior.

Martinez said that after two years together, the concert was the group's biggest show yet.

"This is great exposure for us," the singer said. "To open for a show of this magnitude is what we have been working toward all this time."

She said they would perform four songs from their debut CD "I Don't Think So."

The group delivers a mixture of pop, R&B and Latin numbers with Martinez on vocals while Mejias, Smith and Atkins perform high-energy dances behind her.

They did not disappoint their fiercely loyal fans.

Nearly 4,000 people filled the portable stadium dubbed the Extreme Mobile Venue, for the show that was hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

When not listening to the thumping sounds emanating from the six-foot high stage, revel-

ers tried their hands at the wall-climbing and bungee-jumping attractions or refreshed themselves at one of the many concession stands set up by post organizations.

They came in all shapes and sizes, from toddlers to middle-aged parents, sitting on blankets or standing, tapping their feet or singing along to the wide variety of sounds produced that evening.

Offering a smooth and silky style of R&B peppered with a bouncy hip-hop was Toya, a St. Louis native who's debut CD went platinum. Then came Youngstown, three young Ohio singers whose vibrant harmonies charmed all listeners. Plus One, the five-member group who's contemporary Christian sounds draws fans of all or no denomination and Eden's Crush, five talented females who deliver non-stop entertainment from entrance to exit.

Finally, to shouts of "Jessica! Jessica!" Jessica Simpson entered, resplendent in a white leather pantsuit atop an elevated pedestal. She and her six dancers held the crowd's attention with their synchronized moves, but it was her voice that kept them mesmerized though you could hardly hear it for the thousands singing

every word along with her. They near passed out from pure pleasure when she sang "Sweet Kisses," from her first CD of the same name then "A Little Bit" and "Irresistible" from her second CD.

"She's just wonderful," said Claire Bonam, 15, from Ellicott City, as she and her friend Anait Saakyan, 15, leaned over the front railing in front of the stage, singing every song along with Simpson.

"We're just happy APG could bring a show like this," Saakyan said. "We are totally satisfied."

Randy Moore, Community Recreation Division's chief, called the concert "a last-minute opportunity to do something for youths in a different genre of music."

Earlier in the day, Youngstown made a personal appearance at the Main Exchange to sign autographs for their latest CD. Fans began lining up two hours early to greet the three heartthrobs. First in line were Donna Marcil, along with her son Bryan, 12, and daughter Kelsey, 10.

"We've been here since noon," Marcil said as she clutched the group's CD. "We're all big

fans."

Not settling for just an autograph, many fans got hugs and kisses from D.C., Sammy and Dallas as the group patiently filled every autograph request and even posed for photographs with their adoring audience.

After getting her CD signed, Pvt. Julia Kindall from Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion, said she just happened to be shopping when she noticed the commotion.

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing," she gushed adding that she couldn't wait to get back to the barracks and tell her friends.

"I planned on going to the concert but this was even better. Wow," Kindall said.

Jim Servies, assistant store manager, said the event went very well.

"We had a good turnout and what looked like very satisfied fans," Servies said adding that the store enjoys holding promotional events that serve the community.

"Anything that helps MWR helps us all," he said.

Moore said the post is looking into presenting four or five shows in 2002.